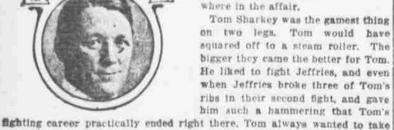
FEAR OF DEADLY "HOODOO" FIGURES IN RING CAREERS OF MOST FAMOUS FIGHTERS

Why Tom Sharkey Always Refused to Tackle Walcott, the Welterweight, and Kid McCoy Had No Desire to Meet Fitzsimmons in Ring-Jack Johnson Had Reason to Sidestep Langford and Jeannette-Dempsey's "Jinx" Is a Fat Man.

By Robert Edgren.

erright, 1920, by The Press Publishing Company (The New York Evening World.) EARLY all professional athletes have some "hoodoo." And nearly every boxer has some rival he doesn't exactly care to mingle with. Usually it isn't because of a feeling that the ot'er fellow is a better

man, but because he has an uneasy feeling that there'd be a "jinx" some-



The great Stanley Ketchel had one superstition. He thought he couldn't cose a fight while he had on an old

THE BACON."

another chance and felt sure he'd beat Jeffries next time.

When Tom O'Rourke and Sharkey severed all diplomatic and financial relations, O'Rourke tried in every way to make Sharkey fight little Joe Walcott, welter champion, 5 feet 1 inch tall and weighing about 145 pounds in his best condition. The challenges directed at Sharkey carried offers of a good purse, but Tom wouldn't even listen.

One day I asked Sharkey why he-

One day I asked Sharkey why be didn't polish Walcott off just to step the talk.

"It would be easy money for you, stolen my bit of luck," said White mournfully when I saw him in New York a little later.

The great Stanley Ketchel had one Sharkey.

"If I bate a little fellow like that there'd be no credit in it," stalled that his mother made for him. Tom,

THE ORIGINAL "BRING HOME "But everybody'd know you were forced into it-and there isn't a chance he could beat you."

Sharkey. "But if an accident hap-

and beat the speed and accur his punches. But Dempsey's "h his punches. But Dempsey's mondo hasn't shown up as yet, unless in the person of Willie Mechan, whom he has met three times in four-round bouts with very indifferent success. Funny, Mechan's wildly swinging arms seem to puzzle Dempsey, yet Dempsey knocked out Fulton easily, has already been signed up for three Kiddy at Hotskie next Thesiay night.

pears after Fitzsimmons knocked Ruhin out. Fitz was training for another fight and bired Gus to box with him. Ruhlin jabbed and hooked Fitz-simmons all over the place, cutting his a toe St. James A. C. and Charles Palmer at the matchinaker. Palmer specia to stage boat on the matchinaker. Palmer special to stage boat of thought poor old Fitz nust be all in. I suggested to Ruhlin that it looked as if he could beat old Bob.

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the fight and thinking what a shome it was to abuse the poor old guy when he slipped in and soaked me over the heart and nearly killed me. I wouldn't fight him again for one million dollars cash. My life is worth more than that. The old guy has my number, and if he was lying flat on his back and the count reached nine he'd gut first such as the count reached nine he'd gut first such as the count reached nine he'd gut first such as the count reached nine he'd gut first such as the count reached nine he'd gut first such as the count reached nine he'd gut first such as the count of six rounds at the Olympia A. A. In the such that the Christian account the fightest of the count of six rounds at the Olympia A. A. In the such that the olympia A. A

and if he was lying flat on his back and the count reached nine he'd get up and land one on me."

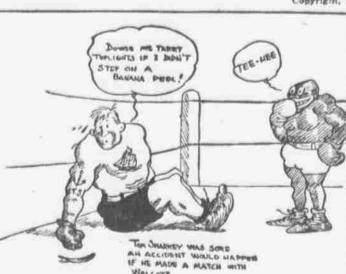
As a matter of fact, at that time Building was probably in condition to be fact at that time beat model could have made Gus think so.

When Jaboz White, lightweight champion of Engand and a mighty champion of Engand and a mighty shoe in the beat many to be legitimate chamnat to the wor'd title. White tied a buby shoe to the rope just behind his corner. He gave Beitt a while of a fight up to the ord of the nineteenth round. Solder Kelly, Britt's second, happened to notice that just as White came cut for each round be glanced of the limits at the bishes his beat in linear the his house like the proved the print second.

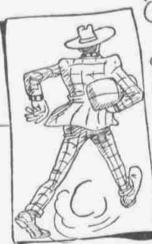
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BEST SPORTING PAGE IN NEW YORK SHOKES SLICES SUPERSTITIONS OF FAMOUS RING STARS







HAMPION BENNY

JOE GANS ULEO TO SEND HOME THE BACON THE DAY BEFORE

EVENING WORLD'S OWN SPORT HISTORY

hance he could beat you."

"Not a chance in the world," roared Sharkey. "But if an accident happened—now—they'd laugh me off the fight, just for luck. Ive heard hand, beacon the day before the fight, just for luck. Ive heard hand, beacon the day before the fight, just for luck. Ive heard hand, beacon the day before the fight, just for luck. Ive heard hand, show when he put on his fighting Jack Johnson never could consider Jack Johnson never could consider of a fight with Jeanette or large and the contract of a fight with Jeanette or large and the could be sent to be at the Newark Sports of the Harvard football team, who defeated Oregon Thursday by a score of 7 to 8 in one of the most sensational football schedule for 1920 was closed here to-day when an agreement was reached with Grove City College to the Yankees, now is on the road in the could be accon the day before the fight, just for luck. I've heard football team, who defeated Oregon Thursday by a score of 7 to 8 in one of the most sensational football schedule for 1920 was closed beacon." The expression "bring home the bacon" may have originated with Joe Gans. At any rate joe used to send home a side of bacon the day before the fight, just for luck. I've heard football team, who defeated Oregon Thursday by a score of 7 to 8 in one of the most sensational football schedule for 1920 was closed beacon."

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Jim Corbett carried a rabbits foot as the result of the fight of the feater of th

GUS ROALH BARRED FITZ TOO!

AND HOP UP AND KNOCK

HE SAID FITZ COULD BE LYNG ON HIS BLACK TAKING A" NINE" COUNT,

Club to defeat Toronto University at basketball on the former's Brooklyn and when a visitor at Jack Dempsey may have a "hoodoo" MAN.

Jack Dempsey may have a "hoodoo" more where—a fighter who can measure his peculiar style, outguess him with him.

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WILLIAMSTOWN, Jan. 3.-Reports deserved vacation. the case of the Purple's griding describes again another season. At least they feel sure that if Brooks spaces anywhere it will be at

GET TOGETHER THURSDAY

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 3.-The an uni meeting of the National Baseball Commission will be held here next Thursday, Chairman August Herr-

tional League and B. B. Johnson of will be cut to 4,000. egraphed Herrmann that they will

his willingness to relinquish the of the yard.

RACING SELECTIONS.

HAVANA. First Race-Superior, Donatello,

Second Race-Miss Patty, Perfect Lady, Steve. Third Race - Sayeth, Stelchiff, Fourth Race-Dione, Golden King, Fifth Race-John Jr., Walter Mack, Unar. Sixth Race-Money, Smart Money, Belle of Elizabethtown. Seventh Race-Lariat, Byrne, Plantarede.

NEW ORLEANS. First Race-Peerage, Charles A. Byrne, Joe Mancini. Second Race—Bagpipe, American Easte, Docod. Third Race-The Boy, Assume, Fourth Race-Panaman, Omond,

Fifth Race-Nomines, Comme Ci, Saints Bridge. Sixth Race-Kenward, Deckmate, Wadaworth Last. Seventh Race-Mountain Rose, Baby Lynch, Cavan Boy,

Sparrow Goes South in Search

American League this off season, a A team composed entirely of former stars among the alumn will face the last National League meeting has just come to light. Ever since the oldest fan composite the Morningside Heights gymnazium to-called the preliminary schedule and is expected to be a hard battle from start to end. victory won by Garry Herrmann at the are awful expensive. ule Committee. In fact, Drevfuss for-NATIONAL COMMISSION WILL merly used to make out almost the entire National League schedule.

> notice on their fans that the thirtycent bleachers at Spertsman's Park in St. Louis will be cut to half next season. This park has had about 5,000 bleacher seats, which, with the war tax, have been selling for thirty cents. According to Ball's announcement they that of any of our athletes in other

The Scoring Rules Committee of the Baseball Writers' Association will recruns whenever they knock a ball out

DUNDEE'S OLD MANAGER

Johnny Dundee's old manager, cutty Montieth, is on record for enny Leonard at New Haven on Jan. 16. Scotty, like Dundee, says Leonard will not be himself because of the ervous strain he will be under that close to the \$10,000 mark.

Itobert Cannefax, the three-cushion champion, will earn approximately the same as Greenleaf.

Here we have the co-bined earning powers of the three-coognized billiard powers of the three-coopnized billiard powers of the three-coopnies billiard powers of the three invariably shows the first time a oute. "You can't make a sprinter "Leonard is strictly a short-distance

nan. He has been schooled to it rom the time he started boxing, and

LIVE WIRES

AT CARSON JUA CORNETT HAD

A 4 LEAVED SHAMROOK, A LUCKY . RABBIT'S FOOT, AND A DOG

By Neal R. O'Hara

ME SOCKS

BAT NELSON'S POOT

WRONG

DAN'T YOU

ME WITHOUT

A INTRODUCTION!

JACK JOHNSON WOULDN'T LET

VEARETTE OR LANGFORD EVEN INSPECT THE TITLE .

Five big colleges have adopted aero racing as a sport. Going to be tough for a guy that drops out of the race.

Those \$250,000 bids for Dempsey are the reason the colleges have accepted

The 1920 Olympics will be held in Belgium, where the Germans made uch a brilliant record in putting the shot a few years ago.

Yale boys that claim the New Haven coaches are behind time could at 64. have found it out a year ago by looking at the timetables.

Birch beer is no relative of wood alcohol.

When the Government quits operating the railroads we'll still have one kick left. And that's agin the girls that operate the telephones.

Old 1920 looks like a big-year for the Johnsons. Hiram will be running following list: for President, J. F. Bick-

They've named an auto tire after John McGraw. Next step is to name

Jim Thorpe says he'll quit baseball before he goes to Akron. But if Jim's going to re-tire, there isn't a better place than Akron to do it.

Dartmouth will have a new studium, and we hope it can dedicate it

Guy that said it takes an eleven to make a pass was speaking of craps.

And it was also a crap shooter, not a motorist, that stated twin sixes

GOLDEN HARVEST NOW FOR BILLIARD STARS.

Billiards has reached the crest as a profitable business for the chamcompetition is keen and the chainpions have been rewarded.

Hoppe, king of his class, earns be tween \$20,000 and \$25,000 for his ability to make the ivories click. The life of a billiard star is far longer than be presented to the winner. sports.

When a ball player slumps his

crease season after season.
Is there any big league star under twenty years of age to-day earning \$10,000 per season? In fact, is there a major league headliner under the twenty-one-year mark? Ralph Greenleaf, the twenty-year-

picking his former charge to win the old pocket billiard champion, the lightweight title when Dundes meets youngest to hold a title since Hoppe's debut in the crowned circles, found reward for his ability a sharpshooter. It is estimated that his earnings this season will approach close to the \$10,900 mark.

champions estimated at \$45,000.

As the Naval Hospital, Brooklyn

A. L. Walker Jr. Wins Honors in Midwinter Tourney at Pinehurst Second Year in Succession.

PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 3-It's hard beat a golfer whose game includes length and accuracy with the driver deadly approaching and putting above the ordinary. A. I. Walker jr., Rich-mond County, played golf of that sort in the final round of the midwinter tournament and won it for the second

W. R. Baker, one of the most promi-nent golders in Canada, arrived here yesterialy from Liverpool on board the steamship Celtle. Mr. Baker, whose home is in Montreal, is the president of the Canadian Seniors Golf Associa-tion and the Royal Montreal Golf Club any was one of the leaders in the tion and the Royal Montreal Colf.
Club his was one of the leaders in the
movement which brought about the
geniors' matches between the United
States and Canada last summer. Mr.
Baker is on his way to California,
where he plans to play golf on most
of the important courses.

PINEHURST, N. C., Jan. 3.—Mrs.
D. Armstrong of Buffalo, handicap, won the first prize in the Silver Folks selected holes golf tourney at linehurst. She played her best six poles in each time in 55 net and led he low handicap class by a margin of four strokes. Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. John D. Chapman of Greenwich led for the low gross honors at \$2 for telair was low gross in that class

Bowling Alley By Chatter Tack

officers of the United Bowling Clubs of New York will take place to-morrow afternoon at the headquarters of the association, No. 1241 Broadway. The Nominating Committee has presented the el. Park Bowling Club; First Vice President, Joseph Ruff, Mucker Bowling
Club; Second Vice President, Frank Siffort, E.-Z.-Bowling Club; Third Vice
President, H. Dittrich, Park Bowling
Club; Recording and Corresponding Secretary, P. G. Snyder, Knickeroockur
Bowling Club; Financial Secretary, C.
H. Koning Gotham Bowling Club; Treasurer, A. P. Nahmens, Bleecker Bowling
Club; Captain, H. M. Jachens, Rosedsla
Howling Club; First Assistant Captain,
J. Andressen, Homestead Bowling Club;
Second Assistant Captain, H. Zimblemann, Nabob Bowling Club; Custodian,
O. Maler, Spartan Bowling Club; Color
Bearen, E. Maier, Harmony Bowling
Club; Gulde, G. Baer, Concordia Bowling Club; Guide, E. C. Baumann, Swiss
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ing Club: Trustee (three years). C. Vogler. Civil Service Bowling Club: Trustee
(three years). C. G. Boss, Nabob Bowling Club: Trustee (three years). J.
Bruch, Harmony Bowling Club: Trustee (three years). E. E. Andressen,
Tammany Bowling Club.
After the election and installation of
officers games in the Sectional tournament will be rolled. In Section A the
Nabob will meet the Rosedale Club five,
in Section B. Park will bowl sgainst
the Harmonie quintet, while Blocker
and Mutual will meet in Section C.

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Fulton just as easily whipped fights so far this month. His first op- When Johnny "Keil" Alberts of Elizabet Benny Leonard is one of the greatset lightweight champions we ever had, and he has broken all pugilistic six-round bout at the Diympia A. A. ment forced by samuels six-round bout at the Diympia B. S. ment forced by samuels six-round bout at the Diympia B. S. ment forced by samuels six-round bout at the Diympia B. S. ment forced by samuels six-round bout at the B. S. ment forced by samuels six-round bout at the B. S. ment forced by samuels six-round bout at the B. S. ment forced by samuels six-round bout a

precedent by going right along knock-ing out nearly all opponents in a very few rounds. Benny is cool as ice, per-fectly confident, entirely couragoous,

Tendler may beaten a for or good any anxiety to add his scalp to the long string he's accumulated since he took the title globany Gill, a promising softenesish of pour at the long at the I watched Gus Ruhlin working with
Bob Fitzsimmons once, in Bob's gymmasium at Buth Beach. This was
years after Fitzsimmons knocked
Ruhlin out. Fitz was training for an-

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Fistic News John Pollock and Gossip Will Jackson, the local lightweight, sportsman, has been matched to box Battling

An all-war show will be put on by Jack Bolze

Coroling out for the twengianced around to see
hich was his mascot. It
Through the round he

Through the rou was some. Through the round he twen these by reason while the round he form turned a worried look toward. Young Cronin, the clover Brooklyn bantam, who contented for namely, 108, 115, 125 novice, 135 his corner, and just before the end is being handled by Tum McGuire, the Brooklyn and 140 pounds.

Yankees will make with the Brooklyn a windshield after an umpire. tions, Durtmouth, Yale and Colgate do ton, one of his employers, at Dover not appear on the Purple state. Hall, Ga, where he will go for a well

In the mean time there will be no one o the effect that Joe Brooks of New ork would not return as football to look after the Johnsonian war head-oach at Williams next fall are not redited by the college athletic auquarters on 42d Stret. Til Husion and quarters on 42d Stret. Til Husion and the way it dedicated Harvard's. thorities, They state that as far as they Harry Sparrow had been in charge

The St. Louis Browns have served

PICKS HIM TO WIN TITLE.

1,500 Service Men See Bauts. Dundee can keep out of danger for Navy Yard, last night the K, of C en rounds I look to see 'seonard be-boxers under the direction of Jimmy wildered and desperate the rest of the Twyford staged a set of boxing bouts clidered and desperate the rest of the curney. He will lack the judgment of spood over the route, and he has so that the experience Dundee has."

Next week both men will go to New Haven to finish up their work. The star bout of eight rounds; Charlie articles. The fans of New Haven will have a chance to see the men put on the finishing touches of their hard grind and see them weigh in the day of the contest.

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LONDOS ENDS TRAINING FOR WRESTLING BOUT.

Jim Londos, the "little giant" who meets William Demetral for the Greek championship on Monday night
at the 71st Regiment Armbry, ended
his strenuous training yesterday. Londos is more than confident he will win
the Greek title; in fact he is wonderpions. The game has come back, Greek championship on Monday night at the 71st Regiment Armory, ended the Greek title; in fact he is wondering just what inscription to have enraved on the \$1,000 belt which will THUM BOWLING AND BILLIARD ACADEMY. B'way & 51st of

Wladek Zbyszko, the Polish Hercules, is ready to tackle Baldis, who comes here from South America with a great reputation. Then there will The Scoring Rules Committee of the Baseball Writers' Association will recommend a rule to the big leagues Rules Not so for the cueists. Hoppe has been champion for fourteen years and Evangas in a bout that will be replete with humor and been champion for fourteen years and sensations. The demand for tickets barring accidents, should reign twice that time. In the meantime his earning powers should continue to inmory all to-day, to-morrow and Mon-



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